

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the pending claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A braided ~~suture for skin lifting~~ structure comprising:  
at least one gold thread;  
at least one bioabsorbable thread braided with said gold thread to form an elongated suture, said elongated suture including a distal end and a proximal end; and  
a needle connected to said distal end  
~~gold threads and bioabsorbable threads, wherein the gold threads and bioabsorbable threads are braided to form a braided composite suture.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture has a thickness in the range of 2 to 10 gauge.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 2 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture is braided with 3 to 9 threads.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture comprises 1 to 5 of said gold threads.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture comprises 1 to 5 of said bioabsorbable threads.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture comprises 50% of said gold threads and 50% of said bioabsorbable threads.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said bioabsorbable ~~threads can be~~ thread is selected from the group consisting of polymeric threads and non-

polymeric threads.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the said gold threads are from different thread includes a gold alloys alloy~~ above 22 carats.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the suture is attached to different types of needles~~ said needle is a bendable straight needle.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~suture~~ braided structure of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said elongated suture has a braid angle of 45 degrees.

11. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of skin~~ for lifting a skin comprising:

~~providing a braided composite suture comprising gold threads and bioabsorbable threads~~  
an elongated suture having a needle disposed on a distal end thereof, said elongated suture including at least one gold thread braided with at least one bioabsorbable thread; and  
~~implanting the braided composite suture intradermally at a plurality of skin regions~~  
passing said needle through said skin such that said elongated suture is disposed in an intradermal tissue beneath said skin.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein ~~the plurality of skin regions are located in specific skin fold areas~~ said skin is located in a skin fold area.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein ~~the plurality of skin regions are areas of desired traction directions outside of specific skin fold areas and wherein the sutures~~ said elongated sutures are implanted in continuity with ~~the~~ a specific skin fold area area.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 ~~wherein a desired tension is applied lift the~~

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~~skin fold areas to help wrinkle correction~~ 11 further comprising applying a tension to said elongated suture after said elongated suture is disposed in said intradermal tissue.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein ~~the braided composite~~ said elongated suture is ultra thin.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein a length of a said needle is greater than ~~the~~ a distance between a thread input site and a thread output site.